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## Description

### Technical Field

The present invention relates to laundry accessories and more particularly to a laundry cart that includes a conical shaped laundry basket having attached swivel wheels at the bottom thereof and an incorporated hanging rod extending upwardly above the laundry basket and supported by two vertical support bars; the laundry basket having the smaller end facing upward toward the hanging rod to minimize contact between the laundry cart and the surrounding laundry equipment such as washing machines and dryers; the laundry basket having a padded bumper on the bottom sides thereof and a locking mechanism for the swivel wheels.

### Background of Invention

Laundry equipment such as washing machines and dryers in laundry mats are often damages by the careless handling of laundry baskets as they bang into and damage the sides of this type of equipment. It would be a benefit, therefore, to have a laundry cart that included a laundry basket shaped to prevent contact between the laundry basket and the side walls of the laundry

equipment as well as including a rubber bumper along the portion where contact could be made.

### **Summary of Invention**

It is thus an object of the invention to provide a laundry  
5 cart that includes a conical shaped laundry basket having attached  
swivel wheels at the bottom thereof and an incorporated hanging rod  
extending upwardly above the laundry basket and supported by two  
vertical support bars; the laundry basket having the smaller end  
facing upward toward the hanging rod to minimize contact between  
10 the laundry cart and the surrounding laundry equipment such as  
washing machines and dryers; the laundry basket having a padded  
bumper on the bottom sides thereof and a locking mechanism for the  
swivel wheels.

Accordingly, a laundry cart is provided. The laundry cart  
15 includes a conical shaped laundry basket having attached swivel  
wheels at the bottom thereof and an incorporated hanging rod  
extending upwardly above the laundry basket and supported by two  
vertical support bars; the laundry basket having the smaller end  
facing upward toward the hanging rod to minimize contact between  
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washing machines and dryers; the laundry basket having a padded

bumper on the bottom sides thereof and a locking mechanism for the swivel wheels.

### **Brief Description of Drawings**

For a further understanding of the nature and objects of the present invention, reference should be had to the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like elements are given the same or analogous reference numbers and wherein:

**Figure 1** shows an exemplary embodiment of the laundry cart of the present invention.

### **Exemplary Embodiments**

Figure 1 shows an exemplary embodiment of the laundry cart of the present invention generally designated 10. Laundry cart 10 includes a conical shaped laundry basket generally designated 12 having a narrow diameter upper end 14 and a larger diameter bottom end 16 to which four swivel wheels 20 are mechanically connected. A rubber bumper 22 is provided around the circumference of bottom end 16 and a goal post shaped hanging rod assembly including a horizontally oriented hanging rod 22 supported by two vertical support bars 24 extend upwardly from conical shaped laundry basket 12 such that hanging rod is positioned above the opening 26 to laundry basket 12.

It can be seen from the preceding description that a laundry cart has been provided.

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It is noted that the embodiment of the laundry cart described herein in detail for exemplary purposes is of course subject to many different variations in structure, design, application and methodology. Because many varying and different embodiments may be made within the scope of the inventive concept(s) herein taught, and because many modifications may be made in the embodiment herein detailed in accordance with the descriptive requirements of the law, it is to be understood that the details herein are to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.